

Investigation: Death of Christian Andreacchio

Cause of Death: Questionable Suicide

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Preliminary Investigation

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Preliminary Investigation

In December, 2014 Investigative Consulting, LLC was asked to conduct an investigation into the death of Christian Andreacchio. Andreacchio died on 26 February 2014 of an apparent gunshot wound to the head. The death was eventually ruled a suicide by the Meridian Police Department based on findings at the scene and the results of an autopsy performed by Dr. Lisa Funes of the State of Mississippi Medical Examiner's Office. The parents and other relatives of Christian Andreacchio dispute the findings of the police department and the medical examiner. In an attempt to discover the true nature of the death of Christian Andreacchio the parents have sought the assistance of several private investigative services.

In a preliminary analysis of the information provided the writer, the findings are discussed in the upcoming paragraphs. It should be noted that these are preliminary findings based on information provided the writer that do not include the investigations by the Meridian Police Department or the subsequent investigations by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Those analyses will be in the final comprehensive and comparative analyses.

Christian Andreacchio was involved in a relationship with a seventeen year old female named Whitley Goodman. Apparently this relationship had been ongoing for several months prior to his death. By all accounts the relationship at times had problems. Christian, who worked on a tugboat for Magnolia Marine Transport of Vicksburg, Mississippi, would be gone for thirty day periods prior to returning home. He had allowed Goodman to move into an apartment that he and his brother Joshua Andreacchio rented and she stayed there while he was away. The duo kept in touch with each other via cell phone and text messages. Allegedly Andreacchio had a tracking device on the telephone of Goodman enabling him to know her whereabouts at all times.

Based on what has been learned so far, it appears that Andreacchio had doubts about Goodman's allegiance to him and believed that she was having affairs while he was away at work. On 26 February 2014 Andreacchio concocts a story that he tells to his boat captain about having to get off the boat to return to Meridian because of family problems involving his mother and sister. The boat docked in Rayville, Louisiana and Andreacchio is allegedly picked up by Dylan Swearingen, a friend of him and Whitley Goodman, in the early morning hours of 26 February 2014. Swearingen had driven from Meridian, Mississippi to Louisiana at the behest of Andreacchio. According to Swearingen, in a statement to authorities during the investigation into the death of Andreacchio, after picking up Andreacchio they drove back to Meridian making only a stop in Picayune, Mississippi for gas. They arrived at the apartment prior to noon on 26 February 2014.

In a tweeted message by Swearingen dated 26 February 2014 at 4:57 a.m., Swearingen tweets that he has gone from Meridian to New Orleans then Vicksburg and back to Meridian before lunch. This information was shared with investigating authorities by the Andreacchio's but the writer has found no mention of investigators ever talking with Swearingen about this tweet.

If Swearingen did go to Vicksburg on the morning of 26 February 2014 would Christian Andreacchio have been with him. It is known that he picked Andreacchio up in Rayville, Louisiana and allegedly drove straight back to Meridian. Did Andreacchio and Swearingen go to Vicksburg prior to returning to Meridian or did Swearingen go to Vicksburg prior to picking Andreacchio up? Would this account for the truck being moved from its original parked position? If authorities, having this knowledge of the tweet, had taken time to contact the telephone service provider for Dylan Swearingen they may have been able to track the whereabouts of the phone at the time the message was sent. It is not known if this is possible at this late date.

Authorities were also provided photos of Swearingen displaying what he alleges to be \$6000 dollars in bank wrappers. Ironically, it has been alleged that Christian Andreacchio kept a lockbox in his truck which contained \$7000. Could this alleged \$6500 be a part of the \$7000 dollars that Andreacchio had in his

truck? It is not known by the writer whether investigators confronted Swearingen about how he obtained the money. The photo display was in March, 2015.

Upon arrival at the apartment Whitley Goodman was found to be at the apartment and at some point after their arrival, Goodman and Andreadio engaged in an argument about her whereabouts during his absence and her apparent love for him. Swearingen, the lone witness to these arguments, says that at some point Andreadio places a forty-five caliber semi-automatic pistol to his head and threatens to kill himself. At some point Swearingen takes the gun from Andreadio and places it away from him. Swearingen, at the request of Andreadio, leaves to go to the credit union to withdraw all of the funds in the account belonging to Christian Andreadio and to get food from Chic Fil-a. Swearingen arrives at the credit union and is told that the withdrawal can only be made by Andreadio. After returning with the food Swearingen alleges that he again leaves and returns approximately an hour and a half later to find the body of Christian Andreadio.

Swearingen says that once he found the body of Andreadio he never entered the bathroom. According to information provided the writer, but not yet confirmed, Swearingen had gunshot residue on his person. How, when and where that residue got on Swearingen and is located on the body of Swearingen is unknown at this time.

It is the opinion of the writer that prior to any attempted interview of Swearingen, other interviews conducted by the Meridian Police Department, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, The Mississippi Attorney General's Office and any private investigators hired by the Andreadios, first be obtained to avoid duplication and conduct investigation comparisons. The interviews of Swearingen must be closely scrutinized to see if any reasons exist for possible interview of Swearingen.

At this point the writer considers Swearingen to be a witness/possible suspect should it be determined that Christian Andreadio's death was a homicide and not a suicide as has been concluded.

It also needs to be determined if authorities seized the telephone of Swearingen and the text messages supposedly between he and Andreadio which supposedly contains information concerning Andreadio's bank account.

It is possible that the alleged text messages were sent from Andreacchio's phone but may have been sent by someone else. According to Joshua Andreacchio, brother of Christian Andreacchio, paperwork was found in the apartment which contained information regarding Christian's bank account. The paperwork appeared to be in the handwriting of someone else. Joshua also alleges that Whitley Goodman would at times withdraw money from the account through money grams. These withdrawals would be picked up at the local Wal-Mart.

Matt Miller, an individual that Whitley Goodman was allegedly having an affair with may need to be interviewed regarding events which may have happened with him and Whitley on the night of 25 February 2014 and the morning of 26 February 2014. Whitley allegedly made statements that she and Miller were doing Zanax and possibly other drugs the night and morning of the incident.

Miller supposedly turned over his cellphone to authorities and text messages were retrieved from that telephone. The writer, prior to any attempted interview of Miller needs access to any interviews he may have given authorities and the content of those text messages.

Ethan Lewis, a friend of Christian needs to be interviewed to see if he has any knowledge of the crime or may have had any conversations with Christian regarding his relationship with Whitley. Lewis' name has been provided the writer by the Andreacchios.

Josh Brown, a past friend of Christian Andreacchio supposedly had frequent contact with Whitley Goodman. He allegedly harassed the sister of Andreacchio after Christian's death. An attempt to interview Brown must be pursued. Brown may have information regarding the days leading up to the incident.

Burns Mayfield was sent to military school shortly after the incident. It is not known by the writer what Mayfield may or may not know regarding the incident or days leading up to the incident. Attempts need to be made to locate and interview Mayfield.

Philip Wilson, another individual known to Christian and Whitley Goodman, contacted Ms. Rae Andreacchio after the death of Christian stating that he had information or knew something regarding the death of Christian. It is not known whether he has ever been interviewed by any of the investigating agencies or private investigators.

Travis Bethea allegedly said that Whitley Goodman was bragging about having killed Christian Andreacchio. It is not known if Bethea has been interviewed. Bethea may be incarcerated in the Kemper County Jail.

Jett Miller was to meet with other investigators to affirm the statement of Matt Miller but he never showed up to be interviewed. Jett Miller needs to be located and interviewed.

Morgan Kirkland is someone with whom Whitley Goodman supposedly stayed after Christian's death. Kirkland lives on Brookins Road in Meridian. Kirkland needs to be located and interviewed to see if she had any conversations with Whitley regarding the death of Christian Andreacchio.

Zach Sumrall, a friend of Christian, may have details of the final twenty-four hours of Christian's life. Sumrall can be reached at (601) 618-3966.

Allegedly Christian had a girlfriend in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Either people on the boat or a second telephone he allegedly possessed may have information on her. If this person exist she may have information regarding the relationship between Christian and Whitley.

A friend of Whitley Goodman, Mitchell Gressett, may have had conversations with Whitley after Christian's death. As of this writing it is not known if Gressett was ever interviewed.

It is the opinion of the writer that the investigation into the alleged suicide committed by Christian Andreacchio by the Meridian Police Department was hastily done and the conclusion reached by them is without substance. It appears, on the surface, that the department reached its conclusion early in the investigation and in haste. Based on what the writer had preliminarily learned the conclusion by the Meridian Police Department is based on an absolute flawed investigation. The writer has learned that during the scene investigation, then Chief Lee, concluded at the scene that the act was a suicide. Chief Lee supposedly

lived in the apartment complex at the time. If Chief Lee was on scene and reached the conclusion of suicide and conveyed that message to investigating officers, he should have prepared a report supporting his decision. If, as alleged, Chief Lee made the statement, the statement and conclusion was premature and may have impacted the investigation.

It is the opinion of the writer that unless the Meridian Police Department investigators have some knowledge that has not been shared with the family of Christian Andreacchio that was used to reach their early conclusion of suicide, then the conclusion should have been made after the autopsy and interviews with family members, friends and Whitley Goodman and Dylan Swearingen.

If the department had contacted family members of Christian Andreacchio they would have learned of a suspected explosive relationship between Andreacchio and Goodman. Having gained knowledge of this relationship the investigators may have been inclined to extend the investigation and that extension could very well have led to a different conclusion. If investigators had continued the investigation they may have learned of a life insurance policy of Andreacchio's that Goodman believed she may have been a beneficiary to.

Actions by Goodman and Swearingen initially should have been viewed as suspect by authorities. Goodman supposedly slept through a .45 caliber gunshot in an extremely compact apartment. Goodman alleges that she did so because she was under the influence of drugs, mostly Zanax. Goodman hid from authorities the telephone of Andreacchio until Chris Thompson along with an investigator, threatened Goodman with not allowing her to go home until the telephone was located. At that time she produced the telephone which she had in her purse the entire time. This alone should have raised the suspicion of authorities. Goodman, when told that a gunshot residue test would be performed on her and Swearingen alleged that she had fired a gun the night before. Apparently, before reaching their conclusion, authorities never attempted to authenticate this story. It is not known at this point whether authorities even asked her with whom she was shooting guns. Also authorities had the opportunity to conduct tests to see if Goodman actually had Zanax in her system or in the least ask her to submit to having these tests performed.

Dylan Swearingen, the person who found the body of Christian Andreacchio, and went to Louisiana to pick him up on 26 February 2014, supposedly has given different versions of his last hours with Christian. Of interest to the writer is the statement to authorities that Christian had given him permission to withdraw all his money from his credit union account and Swearingen was to keep the money. Swearingen goes to the credit union and attempts the withdrawal but does not have the account information to do so. He allegedly gets this information from Andreacchio via text message. Is it possible that this text message was forwarded to Dylan by Goodman? She had access to the account information.

The writer reviewed the autopsy findings of Dr. Lisa Funes. In the review Dr. Funes states that Andreacchio succumbed to a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. As part of her conclusion she says that Andreacchio suffered from depression. First, the writer found no basis for Dr. Funes finding that the decedent suffered from depression. Dr. Funes does not indicate that this finding is based on any medical information she has reviewed, interviews with family members or anyone else. It is suspected that this finding is based solely on the report of the coroner which states that Andreacchio suffered from depression. The writer was provided a limited autopsy and no narrative explaining the findings and conclusions of Dr. Funes.

The writer has spoken with Dr. Amy Gruszwecki, a forensic pathologist from Mesquite, Texas regarding his concerns with the findings of Dr. Funes. Dr. Gruszwecki has agreed to review the autopsy findings and has requested certain documents to conduct her review. It is the recommendation of the writer that Dr. Gruszwecki's services be retained.

After reviewing the autopsy the writer was left with numerous questions. At the entry site of the projectile there is the absence of tattooing or stippling. If the gun was fired in close proximity to the entry site one would expect to find tattooing or stippling. Also a laceration one fourth inch in front of the entry site is not explained in the report. A laceration on the nose is not explained. Other scars on the body, mentioned in the autopsy report, are not explained. The presence of blood in bronchial sacs should be explained by an expert.

After reviewing photographs of the crime scene provided by Joshua Andreacchio, brother of Christian Andreacchio, the writer traveled to Meridian, Mississippi to the Willow Ridge Apartments. The writer was accompanied by Joshua Andreacchio. The writer and Andreacchio were allowed to view an apartment which was identical to the one in which Christian and Joshua Andreacchio lived. In viewing the apartment bathroom and using the photographs provided by Joshua, the writer has numerous questions regarding the finding of suicide in this case. The blood spatter present in the photographs is throughout the bathroom and goes to a height of approximately three feet from floor level. The dispersal of blood throughout the bathroom and most interestingly on the exterior of the bathroom door raises grave concerns with the writer as to the conclusion of suicide. Joshua Andreacchio alleges that, although not visible in the photographs, there were smaller spatters of blood on the door facing of a nearby bedroom door. According to Joshua when he returned to the apartment eleven days later he found a bloodstained shirt with dog hair on it inside the bathroom. It is not known if the shirt was present when authorities were at the scene eleven days earlier why it would not have been taken by authorities. The presence of the bloodstained shirt left at the scene adds to the mystery of the conclusion of suicide by authorities.

Because of the numerous questions raised by the bathroom scene, it is the recommendation that some expert(s) in blood spatter and/or crime scene reconstruction be sought. The blood spatter should tell the position of the body at the time the shot was fired and if this position supports the finding of authorities.

The location of the gun underneath the body of the decedent is also disturbing. It has been relayed to the writer that the gun was not located until after the body was being removed. How and why the gun would have been in such a position again raises suspicion as to the finding made by authorities.

It is the recommendation of the writer that prior to an all-out attempt to conduct interviews that certain things need to be concluded first. In an effort to control costs and to conduct an investigation which will have some conclusions as to what happened on the day of 26 February 2014, the writer recommends a course of using science to conclude first whether the death of Christian Andreacchio was a suicide or homicide. If outside experts conclude that the death

was a suicide, it is the recommendation of the writer, barring any other evidence to the contrary, that those findings be accepted. If the findings are that the death is either a homicide or undetermined, it is the recommendation of the writer that a more intense investigation is undertaken.

Most of the needed information involving the death of Christian Andreacchio is now in the custody of the Meridian Police Department. It is the opinion of the writer that a written request to the department be made for release of those documents and also the documents paid for by the Andreacchios to private investigators that is supposedly being held by the department. Some items needed by Dr. Gruszewski for review will be: The full autopsy report, associated pictures, x-rays, etc.

On 3 December 2014 the writer traveled to Meridian, Mississippi where an interview was conducted with Joshua Andreacchio. The interview with Joshua was to establish facts regarding the relationship between his brother Christian and Whitley Goodman and to gather information regarding Joshua's observation of the scene.

Joshua Andreacchio and his brother shared an apartment together at the Willow Ridge Apartments, apartment 801. According to Joshua, Christian had come to live with him sometime in October or early November, 2013. He believes that he had known Whitley Goodman for approximately ten months but had not been involved with each other for no more than six to eight months prior to his death. He thinks that from March and April, 2013, Christian and Whitley were just friends and sometime around June 2013, Whitley and Christian began to consider themselves a couple.

When Christian first came to live with Joshua it was supposed to be only Christian living there. At some point it was agreed that Whitley could stay at the apartment when Christian was home from his employment with Magnolia Marine Transport in Vicksburg, Mississippi. At some point Christian asked if Whitley could move in and if Joshua would agree to keep an eye on her to make sure she was not using drugs.

According to Joshua he drug tested Whitley for drug use twice, once in December, 2013 and again in mid-January, 2014. Each time she was tested Whitley failed the test, testing positive for marijuana use.

According to Joshua, sometime around 19-20 February, 2014 he talked with Christian and was told that he had kicked Whitley out of the apartment. Whitley was not to have access to the apartment or his vehicle. At some point Christian had placed a tracking device on Whitley's telephone so that he could find out where she was at all times. It is believed that Whitley found out about the device and would sometime remove it so that Christian would not know her whereabouts.

Two days prior to Christian's death Whitley text Joshua asking if he had heard from Christian. She told him that she had something to tell him but she never did. This was his last conversation with her prior to his brother's death.

On 25 February, 2014 received a telephone call from Christian stating that he was going home to take care of this, referring to the matter involving Whitley.

According to Joshua when he went for his work tour on 25 February 2014 he received a text message from Christian asking if he would send a picture of his Jeep. The Jeep was parked in the parking lot of Magnolia Marine Transport, their place of employment, located on Haining Road in Vicksburg. According to Joshua the Jeep was backed into a parking space. After Christian's death Joshua and others, Taylor Dial and Jacob Golden, went to retrieve the Jeep and found that it had been moved to the opposite side of the parking lot. The Jeep had a temporary U-Haul hitch on it that Joshua says he had not seen before. Also Joshua says that the Jeep was clean inside as if someone had cleaned it out.

On 26 February 2014 Joshua was contacted while on the tugboat and told he would be picked up. He was taken from the barge and taken to Hattiesburg, Mississippi where he was picked up by his uncle, Chris Thompson. He arrived back in Meridian at approximately 3 or 4 a.m. on the morning of 27 February 2014. Later that morning he went to the apartment and was told he could not enter the apartment due to it being an active crime scene.

Sometime, Joshua believes around 4 March 2014, he returned to the apartment, entered and looked around. He says he was there approximately 45 minutes and during this time he did not touch anything. According to Joshua, in viewing the bathroom he observed an open bathroom door with blood on the exterior of the door. There was coagulated blood in the bathtub and blood spatter on the walls. Also in the bathtub was a Chic Fil-a cup. According to Joshua

he also observed what he describes as a transfer bloodstain on the threshold board entering his bedroom.

On 11 March 2014 Joshua and Taylor Dial returned to the apartment to get Christian's furniture and clothes from the apartment. The items were removed from the first floor. Later that afternoon they returned to the apartment alone and believing authorities had concluded their investigation, he decided to take pictures of the bathroom. Numerous photographs were taken with many showing blood spatter around the walls, behind the door and according to Joshua a blood transfer stain on the threshold to his bathroom. There was also blood on the exterior of the bathroom door. Blood on the floor near the bathtub is also depicted in the photographs. A cup that is in the pictures in the sink, according to Joshua, was originally in the bottom of the bathtub. Also located near the commode was a bloody shirt which contained dog hair and dirt. There is also pictures of razors in the photographs taken. The razors, shirt and cup were turned over to the Meridian Police Department.

While he was cleaning the apartment Joshua found in a kitchen drawer a piece of paper that contained Christian's credit union account information. Included with the account number was Christian's social security number and the routing number. Absent from this document is the PIN number. According to Joshua the writing on the paper was not Christian's and he believes it to be the handwriting of Whitley Goodman. Joshua retains possession of these things as of this writing. There were also money gram receipts made out to Whitley Goodman. It is Joshua's belief that Whitley may have been withdrawing funds from the account via the internet without Christian's knowledge.

According to Joshua, Matt Miller supposedly has text messages from Whitley dated 26 February 2014, sent before the authorities were called. In those messages Whitley is asking Miller to come get her because Christian is dead. This message is supposedly sent prior to the 911 call to authorities. Miller has supposedly been interviewed by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations.

It is the opinion of the writer that based on the interview with Joshua Andreacchio there are numerous avenues of investigation which must be explored. First, based on the photographs, which have been viewed by the writer, there are questions regarding the blood spatters in the bathroom and on the

exterior of the bathroom door, the bathroom floor and the threshold of the door leading to Joshua's bedroom. The blood spatters may very well have to be interpreted using a blood spatter expert. The interpretation could very well give insight into the body position at the time of death which may provide answers to many unanswered questions.

Supposedly the gun used in this case was located underneath the body of Christian Andreacchio and it was allegedly discovered by previous investigators that the hammer had been lowered to the down position and the safety device was in the safe position. The question of the location of the gun is suspect itself, combined with the lowered hammer and the safety device, suspicion as to cause of death again rises. The location of the projectile in the bathtub also raises concern. According to others who have supposedly been told by investigators that the projectile ricocheted around the bathroom coming to rest in the bathtub raises questions. If the projectile ricocheted around the bathroom how did it occur and how is it explained by investigators?

The finding of the paper containing Christian's bank account information is also suspect. The information on the paper lacked the essential information of the personal identification number (PIN) which could have been used to get funds from the account via the Automatic Teller Machine (ATM). Based on the information provided authorities by Dylan Swearingen, he alleges that Christian told him to go to the credit union to retrieve the funds from his account, and he, Dylan, was to keep the funds. It has been confirmed that Dylan actually went to the credit union to withdraw the funds and the bank would not allow him to do so. According to Dylan, he texted Christian to obtain the account information which Christian provides him. It is not known by the writer whether authorities obtained the text messages from Swearingen's telephone.

In a meeting on 3 December 2014 with the Andreacchios and Attorney Evans it was agreed that certain individuals needed to be interviewed. The writer agrees and is composing a list of individuals he believes fall into this category.

On 19 January 2015 the writer met with James Taylor Dial at the office of attorney Marcus Evans. Dial's name had been provided the writer as being the best friend of Christian Andreacchio. In the interview with Dial it was learned that he and Christian had been friends for approximately twelve years. Dial admits

that he did not approve of the relationship between Christian and Whitley Goodman due mainly to the fact that when he first met her she had on an ankle monitoring bracelet. He just believed that she was someone with whom Christian should have not been associated with.

According to Dial on 24 February 2014 he had been in contact with Christian via text messages and by phone. He had received a text from Christian stating that he would give him one hundred dollars if he would pick up a motorcycle from someone named Jacob. The motorcycle, which belonged to Christian, was one that Christian was planning on selling once he returned home. Upset that Christian would be offering him money, Dial called Christian to let him know that he would do it and not accept anything for doing so. In that conversation he and Christian discussed Christian buying another bike once he returned home. Dial does not understand why Christian would not have called him to pick him up in Louisiana rather than calling Dylan. He says that Dylan was more Whitley's friend than Christian.

According to Dial he learned the day after Christian's death that Whitley was at a party with Burns Mayfield. Mayfield's name had been previously provided the writer as a person of interest. According to Dial, two to three weeks after Christian's death, Dylan Swearingen started coming to his home. Each time Dylan would begin asking questions regarding what Dial may have heard about Christian's death and what Whitley may have been saying about the death. According to Dial, in conversation with Dylan, Dylan alleged that Whitley and Christian were in a heated argument with Christian threatening with the gun to do harm to himself. At some point Dylan allegedly gets the gun away from Christian and hides it by placing it on the window sill.

After the argument had quieted Dylan suggested that he go get something to eat. He left and went to Chic Fil-a and Best Buy and Dial believes he stopped for gas at a service station near Chic Fil-a to get gas. After returning to the apartment he noticed Whitley passed out on the couch. He wakes Whitley and asks her where Christian was and was told, Dial believes but is not sure of, that he was upstairs taking a shower. After going up the stairs Dylan finds Christian slumped over the bathtub and determines that he is dead. He returns downstairs and wakes Whitley and tells her that Christian is dead. Whitley allegedly runs up the

stairs to the bathroom and immediately grabs Christian. According to Dial, Dylan never mentions that the bathroom door is closed.

It will be learned later in this investigation that the story as told by Dial of what he learned from Dylan contrasts starkly with what Dylan tells authorities. Where Whitley was at the time he returned to the apartment, waking her and asking her where Christian was and being told by her that Christian was upstairs taking a shower. All these assertions as to the chronology of events are far different what Dylan has told nay of the investigators involved in this case.

It is again the opinion of the writer that it is imperative that the statement given authorities be reviewed to see what inconsistencies are in those statements as compared to what was told to Dial. Until a review of that statement is made it is impossible to say what, if any inconsistencies there are.

Also of interest is the fact that Christian is making plans for the sale of his motorcycle and the purchase of a new one. This is just two days prior to the alleged suicide. Dial does not believe that Christian was in any frame of mind to commit suicide. Dylan visiting with Dial immediately after Christian's death and inquiring about what Whitley may have been saying about the death appears to be someone who may have been worried that he may be implicated in the death.

It is the opinion of the writer as stated earlier that one of the keys to solving what happened with Christian Andreacchio lies with Dylan Swearingen. Until the autopsy finding is reviewed and an opinion is given and the blood spatter is interpreted, it is the opinion of the writer that Swearingen nor be interviewed.

On 2 April 2015 the writer traveled to Corinth, Mississippi for an interview with James Philip Wilson to be conducted on 3 April 2015. On the morning of 3 April 2015 at approximately 9:20 a.m. the writer met with Wilson at the Alcorn County Community Work Center located at 2407 Norman Road, Corinth, Mississippi. After introductions and stating the nature of the visit, Wilson agreed to speak with the writer. In the interview with Wilson he relayed details of a text message he received from Whitley Goodman and his subsequent offer to investigators of the Meridian Police Department.

According to Wilson, approximately one month after the death of Christian Andreacchio, he received a text message from Whitley Goodman. Wilson says he had known Goodman since 2013 but had known her family, especially her mother, since he was about twelve. Relying on memory from that time, Wilson says that to the best of his knowledge the text read "Since the last time we spoke I have done bad things. Very bad things". In a second text message Wilson says that Goodman stated that she needed to talk and she needed to see him. Wilson says that he told Whitley he would make arrangements to see what he could do about meeting with and talking with her. Wilson says that at the time he had no intention of meeting with Whitley due to his previous arrests and pending charges against him. He says that he heard about Christian's death and had also heard that Whitley was involved in the death. On 11 April 2014 Wilson says that he was arrested for burglary of an occupied dwelling and placed in the Lauderdale County Jail. While in the jail he was cell mates with Michael Graham. He and Graham discussed the death of Christian Andreacchio and Graham wrote a letter to his aunt or cousin Teresa detailing the messages Wilson had received from Whitley. Teresa is supposedly related to Mr. Andreacchio.

At some point Wilson says that he contacted his mother and had her to contact Gerald Wayne Thompson, the grandfather of Christian Andreacchio to ask him to come to the jail to speak with him. At some point, Wilson believes the day after he contacted his mother, two Meridian Police Department detectives came to the jail and he and Graham were brought to the booking area. At the booking area an African-American male detective described as 6'2" in height and weighing 185 pounds, bald, asked if he had information regarding the death of Christian Andreacchio. Wilson says that he replied "potentially" but that he wanted his lawyer present. Wilson says that the detective said something to the effect "I'm done here" and turned and walked away. The other detective was described as an African-American male, 5' 10" to 5' 11" tall and stocky built. This detective was in a separate area interviewing Graham. It is not known what if anything Graham may have told this detective.

Wilson says that he explained to the detective with whom he was speaking that it was his belief that if he was released from jail and met with Whitley Goodman that Goodman may reveal what she knew about the death of Andreacchio. Wilson admits that his intention was to get some deal for himself if he cooperated in the matter.

Wilson says that he will be released from the Alcorn County facility in about a month. He will be residing at his mother's home at 3211 Bolen-Long Creek Road, Meridian, Mississippi. The telephone number is (601) 482-5676.

On 3 April 2015 the writer spoke with Mr. Andreacchio telephonically and through text messages and also with Ms. Andreacchio. The meeting with James Philip Wilson was discussed with Mr. Andreacchio and requests were made of the Andreacchios to acquire information for the writer for the furtherance of the investigation. The requests by the writer were for information for Michael Graham and for contact information for Gerald Wayne Thompson. It was learned that Mr. Thompson could be reached at (601) 616-1387. Teresa is Teresa Gibson and she may be reached at (601) 679-8531. Contact information for Michael Graham was unavailable but it is believed that he works at Structural Steel in Meridian.

According to Todd Andreacchio, father of Christian, after the death of Christian, the mother of Whitley Goodman approached Mr. Thompson about getting Whitley's share of the life insurance money. Supposedly Whitley had alleged during their relationship that she was pregnant and wanted Christian to place her on the life insurance policy as a beneficiary so that if anything happened she and the child would be taken care of. Whitley, according to Andreacchio's parents, was never pregnant. Christian allegedly had told Whitley that her name had been added to the policy.

On 6 April 2015 the writer spoke telephonically with Jerry Wayne Thompson. Mr. Thompson was questioned regarding any information he may have had in regards to any attempted contact by James Philip Wilson. According to Mr. Thompson he believes he was contacted by the mother of Philip Wilson, known to him as Dot, and was given information that Wilson wanted to speak with him regarding information he may have had regarding his grandson's death. He also says that he was aware that Wilson was incarcerated and thought that

maybe he was just attempting to get some sort of deal for himself. Mr. Thompson says he never contacted Wilson or the authorities regarding the conversation with Wilson's mother, however, he told his son Chris Thompson about the conversation and he believes Chris may have contacted the authorities and that is how they knew to go to the jail to attempt an interview with him.

On 7 April 2015 the writer spoke telephonically with Chris Thompson. The purpose of the call was to find out if Mr. Thompson was the source who provided the information to the police regarding Philip Wilson. According to Chris Thompson he was contacted by his father and given the information and he forwarded the information to two private investigators, De Boer and Stubbs, who then forwarded the information to detectives with the Meridian Police Department.

Comparative Analysis

A comparative analysis has been conducted by Investigative Consulting of the investigations conducted by the Meridian Police Department, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations and the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. The Mississippi Bureau of Investigations and investigators from the Attorney General's Office conducted a joint investigation into the alleged suicide committed by Christian Andreacchio.

In a review of the Meridian Police Department's investigation and the joint investigation by the two other agencies, each entity has concluded that the death of Christian Andreacchio was a suicide with Andreacchio ending his own life with a single gunshot to the right temple area of his head. Also a separate investigation was conducted by Security Support Services and their investigation ended with the same conclusion.

In the review by Investigative Consulting the writer has found areas of concern that leads the writer to conclude that the initial investigation conducted by the Meridian Police Department consisted of a cornucopia of errors both in the investigation and by crime scene technicians for the Meridian Police Department. Also the writer has concluded that the investigation by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations and the Mississippi Attorney General's Office fell short of the in-

depth investigation that should have been performed prior to concluding that the death of Christian Andreacchio was a suicide.

The investigation conducted by the Meridian Police Department was spearheaded by a Detective Wilburn. Detective Wilburn arrived at the scene at an unknown time. It is indicated in his reports that officers arrived on scene at approximately 1645 hours but the time of his arrival is not noted.

In an investigative report dated 26 February 2014, Detective Wilburn states that upon arrival he is directed by other officers to the body of Christian Andreacchio which is in an upstairs bathroom. According to Detective Wilburn he retrieved the gun from underneath the body of Andreacchio after the arrival of the coroner. It is not noted from where underneath the body the gun was located. The location of the gun underneath the body is paramount to the investigation. The location of the gun being underneath the body is questionable because of the position of the decedent's hands as viewed in the crime scene photos. If the position of the hands as depicted in the photos are what they were at the time of the decedent's death, the question of where the gun was located may impact the finding of suicide. In a report by Dale Jones with Security Support, Jones says that the gun fell from underneath the body on the left side. Jones must have been provided this information by Detective Wilburn or the coroner.

In a report by Officer Lagoy, the coroner and Detective Thompson, each arrived on scene at 17:25 hours. Detective Thompson, the crime scene photographer, took pictures of the gun but each photograph shows the gun on the edge of a sink in the bathroom. The question now becomes, was the gun removed from underneath the body prior to the photographs being taken by Detective Thompson?

If the crime scene was to be reconstructed, the location of the gun would be of grave importance to a Reconstructionist.

Detective Wilburn report states that the bullet casing was retrieved from the bathtub. It is not indicated in the report from what area of the bathtub the casing was taken. There are no photographs by Detective Thompson of a shell casing in the bathtub. There are however, photographs of what appear to be a projectile in a pool of blood in the bathtub. This projectile is in the upper right corner of the bathtub. Is Detective Wilburn referring to the projectile that was in

the bathtub when he makes reference to a "bullet casing" or was there actually a shell casing retrieved from the bathtub? If there was a shell casing in the bathtub was it removed prior to photographs being taken?

Detective Thompson in a report dated 26 February 2014 states that he took photographs of the gun that was located underneath the body. If Detective Thompson was present when the gun was located underneath the body why were there no photographs taken of the gun in that position? Again, the only photographs viewed by the writer is that of the gun on the edge of the bathroom sink.

Continuing with the reports by Detective Wilburn, Detective Wilburn in a report dated 27 March 2014, writes that the gunshot residue tests (GSR) were performed on Whitley Goodman and Dylan Swearingen on 26 February 2014. He also alleges that detectives did not perform a GSR test on Christian Andreacchio stating that the GSR test on Andreacchio would be performed by the State Crime Lab.

The report by Detective Wilburn stating that no GSR testing was done on Christian Andreacchio is undoubtedly not accurate. In a report by Detective Chris Scott, Scott states that gunshot residue collection kits were submitted to the State Crime Lab on Christian Andreacchio, Dylan Swearingen and Whitley Goodman on 27 February 2014. The kits were collected on 26 February 2014.

The gunshot residue kit on Christian Andreacchio was returned by Alisha Kirby of the Mississippi State Crime Lab stating that they would collect their own gunshot residue kit from the victim.

It is apparent that either Wilburn assumed that there was no gunshot residue kit taken by Detective Thompson or he did not communicate with Thompson during his investigation.

The Meridian Police Department allegedly used what is referred to as the "Wet" method of gunshot residue testing. This is noted in the investigative reports by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation and the Attorney General's Office. Could the gunshot residue testing performed by the Meridian Police Department have resulted in the lack of gunshot residue on the back of the left

hand of Andreacchio? This question will have to be answered by an expert on gunshot residue.

The presence of gunshot residue on the hands of Christian Andreacchio is not indicative of him having fired a weapon, it only indicates that he was in the proximity of a weapon being fired.

Gunshot residue testing performed on samples submitted for Dylan Swearingen revealed that he had particles of gunshot residue on the back of his right hand, back of his left hand and left palm. Again, the mere presence of gunshot residue on an individual does not mean that the subject actually fired a weapon. Interestingly, it is alleged that Swearingen never entered the bathroom where Christian Andreacchio's body was found. If he did not enter the bathroom, did not touch Christian, how then did he get gunshot residue on him in the areas mentioned earlier?

The results of the gunshot residue testing performed on samples submitted for Whitley Goodman revealed that particles indicative of gunshot residue were present on the back of the right hand and right palm, back of the left hand and left palm. Again, mere presence does not suggest that the individual handled a weapon. Goodman, in her statement to authorities admitted to entering the bathroom and touching the person of Christian Andreacchio. Goodman's particles could be attributed to this touching.

On the night of 26 February 2014 when Goodman is told that they are going to administer a gunshot residue test on her and Swearingen, she tells detectives that on the prior night she had fired a weapon. Was this admission by Goodman an attempt to explain away any gunshot residue that may have been present on her? Gunshot residue does not just remain on an individual forever. Goodman had stayed the night with Matt Miller and had gone home in the early morning hours. The question is: Had she not showered, washed her hands or anything?

Comment from Matt Miller

In a report by Detective Wilburn dated 31 March 2014 he reports that a conversation with Christian Lenoir of Magnolia Marine Transport where he is told that a Joshua Bishop stated that the Jeep of Christian Andreacchio had been moved from its original parked position at the company. It is not indicated in any of the reports reviewed by the writer whether Bishop was ever interviewed by members of the Meridian Police Department.

The writer spoke with Joshua Bishop earlier in this investigation and again on 10 June 2015. Bishop says that the Jeep belonging to Andreacchio was parked next to his vehicle in the parking lot when they boarded the tugboat for work and when they returned after his tour of duty the Jeep had been moved to the opposite side of the parking lot. Due to inoperative surveillance cameras at Magnolia Marine, when the vehicle was moved and by whom will most likely never be known. Also, according to Bishop, everyone on the boat knew that Christian kept his gun in the Jeep while they were on the river. He constantly talked about the gun and was proud of it. Whitley alleges that the gun was left with her for protection while Christian was away.

In a message from Mrs. Andreacchio, she has spoken with her son Joshua Andreacchio regarding the gun. According to Joshua when he left to return to duty on the tugboat, which was after Christian had left, he did not see the gun in the house. He had told Christian that he should not leave the gun at the apartment due to burglaries which were occurring there and he should not leave the gun with Whitley since he had put her out.

In a report dated 27 February 2014 by Assistant Chief James Sharpe, Sharpe, in conversation with Christian Lenoir stated that a Justin Burns drove Christian Andreacchio home. This information was obtained by Lenoir from Bozatt Captain Gary Cochran. There is no report indicating that Assistant Chief Sharpe ever contacted or directed anyone to contact Cochran.

In conversation with the Andreacchios it was learned that they had spoken with Burns and he did not drive Christian home that night. Burns has promised to cooperate in any way he can. As of this writing the writer has not spoken with Burns.

In a report by Detective Willburn dated 24 July 2014 he refers to a Mississippi Crime Lab report on the testing of the gun related to the death of Christian Andreacchio. It appears the gun was only fired once during testing. It has been indicated that officers believed the gun, found with the hammer in the down position, may have malfunctioned based on internet searches relating to this particular model. It is not known from documents provided the writer whether the gun when found had the magazine intact and whether that magazine was loaded with other rounds. A review of the photographs taken of the gun at

the crime scene shows what appears to be the butt of a magazine extended from the gun.

On 30 June 2015 the writer spoke with Felicia Robinson of the Mississippi Crime Lab Ballistics Division. Ms. Robinson says that she is familiar with that model of gun and found it to be of reputable quality. When told about the hammer being in the down position when fired she stated that the gun would have had to malfunction or if in agreement with the writer, the magazine would not have had additional rounds in it. We agreed that if the weapon only had one round chambered in it and none in the magazine, the gun would normally be in the locked position with the slide to the rear. Again, it is not known what condition the gun was in at the time it was removed from underneath the body because Detective Wilburn, who has admitted to having removed the gun, does not indicate in his report, what the condition of the gun was at the time he found it.

In a report dated 3 September 2014 by Detective Wilburn he refers to a meeting with Investigator Trent Weeks of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. In the meeting Trent Weeks and Wilburn agree that the death of Christian Andreacchio is a suicide even though the death certificate lists it as undetermined. Astonishingly, in that meeting Weeks says that he is going to attempt to locate and interview Whitley Goodman. If Weeks has already predetermined, prior to conducting his investigation, that the death was a suicide, did he structure his investigation to obtain the desired results of his predetermined conclusion?

In a statement given by Dylan Swearingen on 26 February 2014, Swearingen alleges that he received a call from Christian asking that he come to Louisiana to pick him up. Swearingen leaves Meridian in the early morning hours, goes to Louisiana, picks up Andreacchio and he and Andreacchio return to Meridian. After their arrival in Meridian, Andreacchio and Goodman engage in an argument regarding her whereabouts in his absence. Swearingen alleges that he went upstairs to avoid the argument and at one point he stuck his head over the balcony and he heard Christian asking Goodman over and over if she loved him. At some point Andreacchio places the gun to his head, cocks it and asks Goodman

again if she loves him. At some point Goodman attempts to take the gun away. After things calmed down they all sat around and watched a movie.

At some point Swearingen is given the debit card of Andreacchio and is told to get food and to get all of his funds from his credit union account. It is not known if this was before or after the movie. It is known from surveillance video from the credit union that Swearingen did go there. Swearingen alleges that he returned to the apartment with the food and they again watched a movie. At some point Andreacchio and Goodman left the apartment to go for a ride.

Investigators never obtained the names of either movie Swearingen alleged they watched. The movies, if scheduled television movies, would have provided a timeframe for the movement of all participants.

After the departure of Andreacchio and Goodman, Swearingen alleges that he fell asleep for two hours. When he awoke Andreacchio was sitting on the couch and Goodman was asleep. Swearingen left to go to Best Buy.

Swearingen alleges that while at Best Buy he spoke with the audio technician. It is not indicated in the investigative reports of Detective Wilburn whether the audio technician is identified and if they ever interviewed this individual.

After the return from Best Buy, Swearingen alleges he noticed that Andreacchio was not on the sofa. He walked around the apartment calling for him and after getting no answer he went upstairs. After getting upstairs he noticed the bathroom light on and thought that maybe Andreacchio was taking a shower. He knocked on the door and asked if he was alright and got no answer.

Swearingen is not asked by investigators why he believed Andreacchio to be taking a shower or if he heard water running. Swearingen does not indicate, nor is he asked if he first checked the bedroom downstairs to see if Andreacchio may have been in bed with Goodman prior to going upstairs. Swearingen does not indicate in his statement nor is he asked if he checked the upstairs bedroom to see if Andreacchio may have been in there.

Swearingen alleges that he went back downstairs, awoke Goodman, telling her that they needed to check on Christian but Goodman allegedly goes back to sleep. Swearingen went back upstairs, knocked on the bathroom door and got no

response. Opening the bathroom door he observed Christian Andreacchio face down in the bathtub in a pool of blood. At this point he yells for Goodman that Christian is dead. Goodman comes up the stairs, enters the bathroom and begins holding Andreacchio. Swearingen at this point calls 911.

It is not indicated in the investigative report of Detective Wilburn if Swearingen is ever shown photos of the crime scene to determine if the position of the body was in the same position as it was when authorities arrived as when he first saw it. It is not known whether Goodman, while hugging the body, may have moved it from its original position.

Authorities downloaded several text messages from the telephone of Christian Andreacchio. These messages were allegedly between Andreacchio and Goodman. It is the belief of the writer that these text messages may have been used by investigators to conclude that Andreacchio committed suicide.

Excerpts of text messages from Andreacchio's telephone are listed below:

- 1). "I'm not afraid to die".
- 2). "I've took chances and played the odds against me and I don't ever die".
- 3). "To die is a wish I could never turn down".
- 4). I'd pull the trigger on myself in a heartbeat but I'd be scared someone else would blame it on themselves".
- 5). "I want a car to hit me or and 18 wheeler to pull out in front of me".
- 6). I want to sleep and fall into cold water and gasp water into my lounges".
- 7). "I want to end".
- 8). "I'm tired of living. I'm tired of being me and I just want it all to go away, I want to go away".
- 9). "This would be much easier if I could just go to sleep tonight and not wake up in the morning".
- 10). "Do I have to give you all my life. If I blew my brains out for you and my mom would y'all be at peace. Would y'all finally feel like I was enough"?

11). I'll slit my fucking throat and bleed like a fucking pig for you".

The above quotes are attributed to Christian Andreacchio. From an investigative standpoint one would be led to believe that the individual writing these statements may have been contemplating suicide. On the other hand, are these rants of an individual attempting to gain attention or get Goodman not to end their relationship?

Rae Andreacchio, the mother of Christian, is a psychiatric nurse. She advises that when assessing a person's likelihood of following through with a suicide attempt or their acuity, you assess the "display of future acuity". Christian in numerous situations displayed these:

1. When she (Ms. Andreacchio) spoke to him that morning, he in no way sounded like he was considering suicide. There was no "if something happens to me" comments. No long goodbye. His last words were "Got to go tank a barge. I'll talk to you later".
2. He tells everyone on the boat he will be back later that day.
3. He does not leave the night of the 25th like he wanted to because he had been told he would be fired if he did.
4. He makes plans with Jacob Golden to have his dirt bikes fixed so he can go riding when he gets off the boat.
5. He has a ride set up for him when he gets ready to go back to the boat.
6. In conversation with his mother and brother he talks about going to a concert with his mother in a few months if he can work it with his schedule on the boat.

The attributed quotes should be considered in the investigation but should not be relied upon as the sole determinant in deciding if Christian Andreacchio committed suicide. The quotes, along with all the physical evidence at the scene, should be considered prior to reaching a conclusion.

On 3 June 2015 the writer traveled to the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations Troop C headquarters in Pearl, Mississippi. Upon arrival the writer met with Investigator Trent Weeks. Investigator Weeks provided the writer with the investigation that had been conducted jointly by his agency and the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. The

persons interviewed by the two agencies were: Dallas Steele, a friend of Whitley Goodman with whom Goodman stayed some days after the death of Andreacchio, Jennifer Culpepper, the mother of Dallas Steele, Matthew Miller and Matt Miller.

Steele and her mother turned in a jacket that Goodman had left at their home upon her departure. The jacket was turned into the Meridian Police Department and subsequently to the Mississippi Crime Lab to be inspected for blood. The tests revealed negative results for the presence of blood.

Matt Miller and Matt Miller only confirmed to the agencies statements they had given originally to detectives of the Meridian Police Department. No interviews of the individuals were conducted by the agencies.

The investigators went to the scene of the death of Christian Andreacchio and inspected the bathroom. At the scene they located an indentation in the bathtub which they allege is consistent with a .45 caliber round. The investigators gave no indication as to any expertise in bullet mark indentation or any source they may have consulted with to conclude the indentation was actually made by a projectile or more specifically a .45 caliber projectile.

The investigation also revealed an indentation in the upper left side of the tub on drywall where they believe the projectile deflected.

Other than conjecture or speculation on their part, the investigators did not consult or use any experts such as crime scene re-constructionists to reach the conclusion they have reached.

The use of crime scene re-constructionists may possibly have aided investigators in reaching any conclusion they may have reached. The re-constructionist, if certified, are usually certified in blood spatter analysis also. They could have assisted in determining projectile trajectory, the position from where the gunshot originated, possibly the position of the body at projectile impact and the angle and distance from which the gun was fired.

It is known that the Meridian Police Department did not utilize the use of crime scene re-constructionists. It is the opinion of the writer that the department investigators concluded prematurely that the death of Christian Andreacchio was a suicide and did not perform any pertinent follow-up after leaving the scene with the exception of interviewing certain witnesses.

It has been learned in this investigation that former Meridian Police Chief James Lee, who resided at the same apartment complex, was present at the scene and told investigators to wrap up their investigation because it was only a suicide. If the information regarding Chief Lee is correct, that directive may have aided in the shallow investigation into the death of Christian Andreacchio.

The investigators with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations and the Attorney General's Office obtained surveillance video from the credit union which supported Swearingen's claim of having been there. They also spoke with a Dustin Hall, an employee of Best Buy who confirmed that Swearingen came to Best Buy on 26 February 2014.

The investigators fail to state how Hall remembered that particular date and what if any was his contact with Swearingen. They also do not note whether they confirmed that Hall was even working on 26 February 2014. This could easily have been accomplished by having management provide proof of Hall's work history.

On 10 July 2015 at 2:08 p.m., the writer spoke with Dustin Hall via telephone at number (850) 240- 0572. Hall was questioned in regards to the interview he allegedly had with Investigator Weeks. According to Hall he remembers being interviewed by someone this year but he is unsure if the person conducting the interview was named Weeks. According to Hall he still maintains that he cannot say if Dylan Swearingen came into Best Buy on the 26th of February 2014. He did say that he looked on the store's computer to see if he was working on the 26th and confirmed that he was at work but again cannot say if Dylan Swearingen actually came in on that date. He says this was the same information he gave to the individual interviewing him earlier this year.

Hall also, in an earlier interview with Eric Stubbs, told Stubbs that he could not remember the date that Dylan was in the store.

Jared Johnson, another Best Buy employee was interviewed by Eric Stubbs, an investigator hired by the Andreacchio's early on. In that interview Johnson says that Dylan Swearingen comes into to Best Buy all the time but he cannot confirm if he was there on the 26th of February 2014.

Josh Sanders, the manager of Best Buy in February, 2014, says that he could not provide any information regarding Swearingen being in the store on 26 February 2014 and had he been contacted earlier he could have viewed the surveillance tapes and confirmed whether he was there or not.

Based on the statements provided Eric Stubbs and the conversation with Dustin Hall by the writer on 10 July 2015, it is the opinion of the writer that no one is certain whether Dylan Swearingen came into Best Buy on 26 February 2014 at the time he said he was there. Unless detectives with the Meridian Police Department have video surveillance tapes from Best Buy to say otherwise, the question as to Swearingen's whereabouts is still unknown. If there is no video tape from Best Buy then this is another failure of the department to conduct a thorough investigation prior to reaching a conclusion into the death of Christian Andreacchio.

While reviewing the investigative reports of the two agencies, the writer found information regarding the case and specifically the 911 tape, was presented at a seminar attended by Investigator Trent Weeks and others, held, I believe in Passagoula, Mississippi. The seminar's host was the Institute of Police Technology and Management of Jacksonville, Florida.

After a review of the 911 recordings it was concluded that based on the use of known patterns, anticipated deliveries, responses and emotional reads, the call made by Dylan Swearingen was genuine. It was also concluded that the call was not staged or intended to cover up any facts.

According to a statement by Investigator Weeks to the writer, "They are the experts, they should know". The writer conducted research to ascertain if the findings and conclusions of the Institute's experts were based on scientifically proven methods or not.

It is the opinion of the writer that the findings of the experts may be based on either Speech Emotion Analysis or Voice Stress Analysis in determining whether the 911 tape was genuine, truthful and not meant to deceive.

Research on both voice and speech analysis revealed that the tests are not based on validated scientific evidence with many in the scientific community equating both with polygraph examinations. Many in the field rate both analyses with less accuracy in determining truthfulness than the polygraph examination. A study funded by the National Institute of Justice and done by the United States Air Force Research Laboratory recommended that: 1). Voice Stress Analysis only be used as a tool. 2). Not be relied upon for a case conclusion. 3). Its performance approaching that of current polygraph technology. A Hawaii study concluded that Voice Stress Analysis was not mature enough to be used in a court of law.

Having conducted the research the writer has found that the scientific community is split on opposite ends of the spectrum as to the validity of this kind of testing. The research confirmed what the writer already believed, that the results should not be used to reach conclusions in criminal investigations. Given the statement made to the writer by Investigator Weeks, it is the writer's belief that the two agencies relied on this analysis to form an opinion.

The Mississippi Bureau of Investigations was given information provided by Ms. Andreacchio that should have been investigated. It does not appear that Investigator Weeks or the investigators from the Mississippi Attorney General's Office ever followed up on any of this information.

According to Ms. Andreacchio, because of the nature of the relationship between her son and Whitley Goodman, she had asked the assistance of Michael Sims, one of her employees to watch the apartment while Christian was away. Sims would report on vehicles that he saw at the apartment. Sims reported to Meridian Police the description of a vehicle he saw at the apartment on the day of Christian's death. Also, Ms. Andreacchio employed the services of Mattie Gordon to watch the apartment while Christian was away. Gordon did report that Kimberly McPherson, an aunt of Whitley was at the apartment a lot. It is not known whether McPherson or Gordon were ever interviewed by authorities.

According to Ms. Andreacchio, Whitley Goodman has been admitted to psychiatric hospitals on at least two occasions. At some point she had told Christian Andreacchio that she had herpes and had contracted the herpes when she was raped at age fourteen. She alleged that her mother never reported the rape.

It appears from numerous sources that Whitley Goodman may have had psychiatric problems and may have been a pathological liar. It is not known from the investigative reports if authorities ever attempted to follow up on information regarding her psychiatric hospital stays or talked with any of her family or friends about her potential for lying.

Again, according to Ms. Andreacchio, Whitley had brought a picture of Avery Smith and Christian to her and the picture had a hole in it. Whitley allegedly stated that she had shot her (Avery's) face out of it. The picture was previously in Ms. Andreacchio's bedroom but Whitley had somehow removed it from the bedroom. Also, Ms. Andreacchio says that a Christie Webb alleged that Whitley had terrorized her daughter when her daughter attended school at Clarkdale. Whitley had allegedly drawn a picture of her stabbing Ms. Webb's daughter. The incident was supposedly reported to the school authorities. It is not known if authorities, when provided this information, ever followed up on it.

After the death of Christian, Dylan Swearingen allegedly began to date a young lady named Paige Renfroe. Renfroe allegedly was told some things regarding Christian's death by Swearingen. This information was provided to Investigator Weeks and in conversation with Ms. Andreacchio, she says that she believes Renfroe spoke with Weeks but if she did it is not noted in the investigative file viewed by the writer.

Investigator Weeks was told of a conversation between Andreacchio's grandfather and Swearingen where Swearingen alleged that when Christian left the boat he was wearing a tankerman jumpsuit. He described the suit in detail to Mr. Thompson. The jumpsuit was never located after Christian's death and it is not known if Week's ever talked with Mr. Thompson regarding this or if he ever confronted Swearingen with this information.

In conclusion the writer would recommend that based on the investigations by all agencies involved, that a new examination by experts: forensic pathologists, crime scene re-constructionist, etc., be utilized to determine whether the death of Christian Andreacchio was a suicide, homicide or may be undetermined as to cause.

The recommendation is based on the following:

1. The nature in which the crime scene investigation was conducted.
 - a. The shaking of a sheet in search of the projectile which allegedly caused the blood spatter on the walls of the bathroom and the exterior of the door leading into the bathroom.
 - b. No record of where the gun was located underneath the body of Christian Andreacchio
 - c. No reconstruction of the crime scene to determine the projectile trajectory, distance the gun may have been from victim when fired, possible position of the body when the victim was shot.
 - d. The lack of tattooing or stippling at the entry site indicating a close or near contact wound.
 - e. Position of the body as depicted in the photographs.

2. No determination as to whether the gun malfunctioned causing the hammer to be in the down position.
3. Investigators not obtaining telephone and text message records of Dylan Swearingen and Whitley Goodman.
4. Residue on the hands of Dylan Swearingen indicative of gunshot residue particles.
5. Gunshot residue on Whitley Goodman.
6. As noted in one of the crime scene photos, a possible projectile hole near a light switch in the bathroom.
 - A. This was never entertained by investigators of any law enforcement agency and no attempt was made to determine if it was an actual projectile entry point or a projectile may have actually been in the wall.
7. Statements given by Dylan as to Whitley's whereabouts at the time Swearingen returned to the apartment.
8. The lack on the part of investigators to obtain blood samples to determine if Goodman was under the influence of a drug (Zanax) as alleged, which may have contributed to her not hearing a gunshot.
9. The alleged movement of the Jeep while parked at Wagood's Marine. It was never determined why the Jeep would have been moved and by whom.
10. The tweet by Swearingen alleging he had gone to Wicksburg on the night of 26 February 2014.
11. The \$6500 Swearingen allegedly had in his possession.
12. Supposedly, according to Joshua Andreacchio, Whitley was quite possibly thrown out of the apartment by Christian prior to his leaving on 22 February 2014. If she was no longer at the apartment, why would the gun be left for her protection?
13. Failure on the part of authorities to conduct interviews with neighbors to see if anyone had seen Whitley and Dylan at the apartment between 22 February and 26 February 2014.

The body position of Christian Andreacchio as depicted in the crime scene photographs is of particular interest. If the body was in this position at the

time of death, then Swearingen's assertion that he opened the door is flawed. To open the door he would have had to apply substantial pressure because the feet of Andreacchio would have been impeding any progress into the bathroom. Investigator Weeks surmised that when Goodman entered the bathroom and grabbed Andreacchio, she at that time moved the body from its original position. This is mere speculation on the part of Investigator Weeks.

Again the lack of tattooing or stippling at the projectile entry site is also troubling. A near, close or contact wound would normally display some tattooing or stippling. A second pathological opinion should be able to resolve this issue.

No evidence that investigators ever confirmed that Dylan Swearingen was at the casinos in Vicksburg on the night of 22 February 2014. In a Twitter post viewed by the Andreacchios he stated that he had been up all night at the casino and would be late for work. It is not known whether it was the casinos in Vicksburg or Philadelphia. If it was a casino in Vicksburg, who was he with and could he have possibly been responsible for the moving of the Jeep at Magnolia Marine.

In the MBI investigation Weeks stated that they spoke with Dustin Hall who placed Dylan at Best Buy on 26 February 2014 and that Dylan worked there. Dylan Swearingen at one time worked for Best Buy but had not worked there in months. Did Investigator Weeks mistakenly believe that he still worked there or was it just the wording of his report?

Due to these findings the writer suggests that opinions of other experts be obtained and hopefully those findings will help to end speculation as to what may have caused the death of Christian Andreacchio.

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